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XM Radio provides a valuable service providing weather & traffic information for drivers. It is best to know, in advance of entering a potentially hazardous area. I drove a milk tanker from Arizona to Los Angeles & many times I was not able to access the local radio stations in time to re-route. Truckers are supposed to be the "knights of the road," the "best examples" of how to handle hazardous conditions so advance knowledge helps us to do our best. I had to make my appointment on time and in the local LA radio arena, every six minutes wasn't often enough to hear a traffic report, given by a person who could not enunciate information in the time allotted. It is hazardous for a driver to be punching radio buttons, trying to find information when s/he is supposed to be paying attention to driving. XM Radio is a safety feature. I now drive across the US and Canada and I pay for XM Radio. I can be informed of extreme weather & traffic conditions in advance and can plan to keep me and those around me safe; and my rig and load in good condition. My personal opinion is that power and greed are motivating the NAB. If their service warranted the discontinuance of XM's superior service, then they would have a case. But to make such a whining fuss just to keep us back in the "dark ages" in order to pander to the local stations - whose programming is replete with commercials and programs of all kinds - some of which I found quite offensive (all in the name of freedom of speech?) and I had to be subject to those offenses just to get the weather or the traffic - well, I decided to buy a service where I can choose. XM is a private, personal choice and I don't feel kindly about having the big powerful organization removing my choice just because they think they can.